

REMARKS

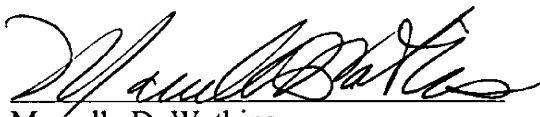
In response to the Examiner's requirement that Applicants select either the *in vitro* or the *in vivo* method for prosecution, Applicants respectfully submit that their intention is to claim the present method regardless of context. Specifically, Applicants believe that their method for reducing heme is novel and nonobvious, regardless of whether the method is carried out *in vitro* or *in vivo*. To clarify that fact, New Claim 16 has been added to the present case. The new claim includes no recitation relating to whether the method is carried out *in vitro* or *in vivo*, and therefore is not limited to either context.

While maintaining their desire to claim the present method broadly and without limitation as to context, Applicants have also amended claim 10 as requested by the Examiner. Nonetheless, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner examine the full scope of the present claims, including new claim 16.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendments place the claims in condition for allowance. The Examiner is requested to note that the present case has been transferred from previous counsel to the undersigned, and to telephone the undersigned if she has any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,



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